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58 Riverview Street, Agawam

Business Association Seeks Action on Inquiry

In a letter to Town Manager, Peter Caputo, the Agawam Business Association has asked the Manager for a clarification of his position on their recent inquiry into procedures used in connection with the building of the Agawam Central Library.

According to the letter, on December 12, 1978, a sub-committee of the Business Association composed of Jerry Zerra, Arthur Leary, and Francis Napolitan, met with the Town Manager and four resolutions resulted:

"The Agawam Town Manager will file a request by the Agawam Business Association to look into the procedures used and the activities of the Cooper Street Library Building Committee."

"The Agawam Town Manager will appoint a Board of Review of impartial citizens to look into the procedures used and activities of the subject building committee."

"The Town Manager will appoint four additional members to the Library Building Committee and the High School Renovation Committee during January, 1979."

"The Town Manager will request the minutes in total from the subject building

committee and make a copy of the minutes available to our sub-committee at a meeting scheduled by you for Friday, December 29, 1978."

The letter further states that on December 29, 1978, the sub-committee of the Agawam Business Association met again with Caputo. At that time they received the minutes they requested and further discussed procedures and activities for establishing a "board of review."

In a written report of January 2, 1979, to the members of the Town Council and the Library Building Committee, Caputo indicated that he felt it "appropriate at this time, since the charter empowered this office to do so, to seek out and appoint a small committee to make this inquiry on a municipal level before the issue grows into a magnitude of having to deal with county officials." Caputo also stated in that report "as elected and appointed officials, we have the right and we possess the necessary intelligence and ethic to complete an inquiry of this kind within the borders of this municipality..."

Caputo had requested that the Business Association compile a list of questions which they wished answered. The Business Association has

refused to provide such a written list since, "it would be most inappropriate to make questions public weeks in advance of the convening of the 'Board of Review' as they would become a matter of community gossip that would be very unfair to all parties." In the letter, the sub-committee also stated, "all three members (of the sub-committee) have received written threats of law suit from the architect's attorney."

Noting that they felt the latter action "signals a plan of harassment to bring a civil action against our sub-committee members and then claim that a board of review procedure would interfere with a civil judicial proceeding," the Business Association letter said they chose to avoid ongoing press coverage of a story "that has not happened and might in fact not happen at all."

The letter concluded, "we earnestly request your cooperation to see that citizen's rights to know are satisfied forthwith. Our request is appropriate under the Massachusetts Freedom of Information Act of January 1977 and the United States Freedom of Information Act which is applicable for all federally funded and administered projects."

In responding to the letter, Caputo stated, "I have interviewed three citizens for the review board, and all three have turned me down." He added, "we have done everything we possibly could to satisfy the situation - I will continue to look for from one to three persons to serve on a review board."

Caputo noted that since the Business Association refuses to submit to him a list of questions that they want answered, he found it "very difficult...they are giving me nothing to go on."

Foul Play Suspected

Fire Leaves 16 Homeless

Fire swept a three-story wood-framed building at 58 River Street, Agawam, on Monday, January 29, leaving 16 persons homeless and heavily damaging the Riverview Market and an antique shop.

Fire equipment from both Agawam stations, and three pieces of equipment from West Springfield responded to the blaze which was reported at 8:40 a.m.

No one was injured in the fire, but firemen had to rescue Ruth Holmes, an eighty year old invalid from her third floor apartment.

Fire Chief Harry Schneider who, along with the

ambulance, was first on the scene said, "you couldn't even tell that the building was on fire when we first arrived...we lost a lot of time just trying to find out where the fire was." He said that apparently the fire started in an attic, and had done quite a bit of structural damage by the time they discovered it.

When asked about the reportedly "low water pressure," Schneider replied, "we had our big guns on. When you use all the big equipment, you can expect a drop in the pressure."

Schneider said that both the Feeding Hills station, and the Agawam Center station apparatus arrived "almost

simultaneously." He said traffic was no problem, and that both stations responded promptly.

When asked if the North Agawam Station now closed could have made a difference in the outcome of the fire, Schneider said, "we could have had a hundred trucks here and it wouldn't have made any difference. Too much time was lost because we couldn't locate the source of the fire."

Schneider also indicated that he suspected foul play, and Town Manager Peter Caputo said that he would call for "a complete investigation of the blaze by the State Fire Marshall's office."

Serra Proposes Drug Seminar

Agawam Town Councillor Fred Serra has announced that he is in the process of organizing a family-oriented educational program on drugs and alcohol.

In response to constituents who have approached him concerning use of drugs and alcohol by the youth in

Agawam, Mr. Serra has brought together a committee consisting of representatives of the town's health department, school department, police department, SPAN Center, and the Youth Commission. These individuals are presently working out the details of a film panel discussion

program to bring information on drugs and alcohol to the families in Agawam.

Mr. Serra has promised to keep the public informed of the progress of these plans and hopes this program will be of much value to families in Agawam who may be concerned about these issues.



Lucian Marek and Gerry Mason (right) photo by Jack Devine

Gerald Mason Receives 'Outstanding Service' Award

On Saturday evening, January 20, Gerald J. Mason was presented with the Benjamin E. Pacitti Memorial Award for outstanding service to youth of the area.

The occasion for the award was the annual Media Awards Night at the West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks. Other award recipients were Durham Caldwell of WHYN, TV, James Rising of radio station WAQY, and the Westfield Evening News.

Mason was cited for nearly thirty years of dedication to

young people. He has been coach and organizer of youth programs in Agawam, West Springfield and Springfield. He coached for the Sacred Heart Athletic Association for fourteen years and was a league commissioner in baseball.

Mason also coached amateur teams in football and basketball in Agawam's Park and Recreation programs and coached the West Springfield Merchants in the Tri-County Baseball League. He was line coach at Technical High School in Springfield for some time.

Mason has been a Cub Scout master for both St. Theresa's and St. David's cub packs and was Youth Activities Director for the Elks lodge for both Agawam and West Springfield.

In 1972, he organized the Agawam Athletic Association and was elected president, the office he still holds today.

Six years ago, he was the prime mover and organizer of the Agawam High School Baseball Booster Club, and two years ago, organized the AHS Wrestling Booster Club.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday
January 31

5:00 THE PRIVATE FILES OF J. EDGAR HOOVER (PG-1:55)
7:00 Standing Room Only: THE FIRST ANNUAL ZANY AWARDS
8:00 College Basketball: FLORIDA STATE AT LOUISVILLE (Live)
10:00 THE NORSEMAN (PG-1:30)
11:30 THE LAST WALTZ (PG-1:47)

Thursday
February 1

6:00 GRAY EAGLE (PG-1:44)
8:00 SILVER STREAK (PG-1:53)
10:00 GRAY LADY DOWN (PG-1:51)
12:00 BIG WEDNESDAY (PG-2:05)

Friday
February 2

6:30 THE NORSEMAN (PG-1:30)
8:00 F.I.S.T. (PG-2:25)
10:30 On Location: NORM CROSBY
11:30 COMING HOME (R-2:07)
1:45 THE NORSEMAN (PG-1:30)

Saturday
February 3

3:00 Special: EUROPE ON ICE
4:00 THE WORLD'S GREATEST LOVER (PG-1:29)
5:30 GRAY LADY DOWN (PG-1:51)
7:30 THE WORLD'S GREATEST LOVER (PG-1:29)
9:00 VALENTINO (R-2:08)
11:30 Special: EUROPE ON ICE
12:30 GRAY LADY DOWN (PG-1:51)

Sunday
February 4

2:00 GRAY EAGLE (PG-1:44)
4:00 BIG WEDNESDAY (PG-2:05)
6:00 GRAY EAGLE (PG-1:44)
8:00 THE BIG SLEEP (PG-1:40)
10:00 Special: ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA
11:00 THE LAST WALTZ (PG-1:47)
1:00 THE NORSEMAN (PG-1:30)

Monday
February 5

6:00 Special: EUROPE ON ICE
7:00 On Location: NORM CROSBY
8:00 MOVING VIOLATION (PG-1:31)
9:30 F.I.S.T. (PG-2:25)
12:00 COMING HOME (R-2:07)

Tuesday
February 6

6:00 SILVER STREAK (PG-1:53)
8:00 On Location: PHYLLIS DILLER
9:00 GRAY LADY DOWN (PG-1:51)
11:00 VALENTINO (R-2:08)



Advertisement

by Kathy Shepard Bonzek

Sneak Preview: *Movie* mingles humor, nostalgia and George C. Scott. Joey Popchick, aspiring to be a lawyer, learns he can box so opts for the ring to earn money for his sister's eye operation. Scott, as "Gloves" Malloy, tries to manage Joey slowly to success, but a "Black Hand" bully offers Joey a faster way to fight at the Garden, Joey's biggest dream. But on the big night, "bad guy" tells Joey to lose. Sis appears with news which causes Joey to flatten his foe, winning back heavy wagers placed by parents and "Gloves."

Dialogue keeps audience chuckling and involved, while plot is more satire than derisive. Lines like "Say the word and I'll tear up our handshake" keep tension low, and remarks like "After a girl's had a taste of mink, she can't go back to pastrami" reveal (lack of) character aptly.

This writer missed the second half of *Movie* to view *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, but wagers that the second half is just as great. The preview audience clapped, remaining seated for the second *Movie*. Don't miss it (them)!

Movie Revue

Advertisement

Invasion of the Body Snatchers, remake of 1950 science fiction film, "snatches" viewer attention all the way through. Donald Sutherland and Brook Adams grapple with the realization that people are changing in some strange way.

Fine photography, coupled with excellent science fiction, present at the outset, close-ups of transparent globular aliens, journeying through space and falling to earth in raindrops. Adapting their life force to flora and later hooking roots to humans, the aliens make duplicates and the originals disintegrate. "Dupes" plot to take over everybody, manufacturing pods and passing them around to unsuspecting victims.

Highlights were a dog with a man's face (the aliens having outdone themselves), barking at still-human Sutherland and Adams, and the super-human efforts of hero and heroine to avoid replication.

For viewers with taste for science fiction and excitement, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, produced by Robert H. Solo and directed by Philip Kaufman, makes an evening of solid, absorbing entertainment.



By Jennifer Wood

Versatile actress (she's played everything from Joan of Arc to a wild gypsy) Genevieve Bujold has an interesting philosophy on acting. "Acting," she said in an interview several years ago, "is an act of love. If you don't love the guy you're playing opposite, forget it. Acting is profound contact, deep mutual acceptance, tenderness, intimacy. If you dislike the other actor, it will show in the eyes, and filmmaking is eyes. So you've got to find something. Love his hands maybe." Some of the "guys" Genevieve has played opposite are Yves Montand, Richard Burton, Charlton Heston and Jack Lemmon.

While we're on the subject of love, what kind of relationship does Woody Allen maintain with his off-time onscreen and some-time off-screen companion Diane Keaton? They're no longer a couple, but still remain best friends. Says Woody: "I would never go ahead with a script, whether or not she was in it, if Diane had serious reservations about it. She has unfailing good taste." Will she be in future Allen films? "Only if she likes the script and wants to do it. I really don't think she would decide on the basis of loyalty... she's more objective about these things."

In 1977, after establishing her place among the screen's great comedienesses with *Annie Hall*, Diane reminded audiences of her abilities as a fine dramatic actress with the chilling *Looking for Mr. Goodbar*.

Woody, by the way, got his start in comedy as a teenager writing jokes and submitting them to columnists like Walter Winchell and Earl Wilson. Here's the first joke he ever got credit for: "Woody Allen says he ate in a restaurant that had O.P.S. prices—Over People's Salaries." Not the greatest joke, but how many 16 year olds now or then could write 30 to 40 jokes a day after school?

Little Danny Hodges was perplexed by what his mom did for a living. Danny's mom is actress Glenda Jackson (whose most recent film is *House Calls* with Walter Matthau), and when he was seven years old he came home from school with a question. Reports Ms. Jackson: "He said to me, 'You're famous, aren't you?' And I said, 'Uh, um, well, uh, yes, yes.' I suppose you could say in a way... I am a little bit famous. Why do you ask?' And he said 'Well, this boy in school said you weren't and I said you were. But Mum, what are you famous for?'"

Sylvester Stallone got his first taste of adulation after *Rocky* while shooting *F.I.S.T.* (appearing on HBO this month) in Dubuque, Iowa. Fans from as far as 100 miles away gathered daily behind police barriers often a block's distance from the cameras and Stallone. Two or three times a day, Stallone would go over to the barricade to greet his fans. Yet Sly was surprised by the attention. "I had my heroes, but I never would have waited all day to just to see one of them. I really don't know what to say to these people. I feel I should tell them to go home, have a good meal and get to bed early."

New Sites for Food Stamps Listed

Welfare Commissioner Alexander E. Sharp has announced that participants in the food stamp program who formerly exchanged their ATP's for food stamps at

Mammoth Mart or King's Department Stores must now seek this service from alternate sites, effective February 1, 1979.

Households participating in the food stamp program are urged to make note of the alternate sites at Valley Bank and Trust, Agawam Shopping Center, Agawam, or Shawmut Bank and Trust, 31 Maple Street, East Longmeadow.

Hours at the Valley Bank are M - W, 9-3 and Th - F, 9-5. Hours at Shawmut bank are M - F, 9-3.



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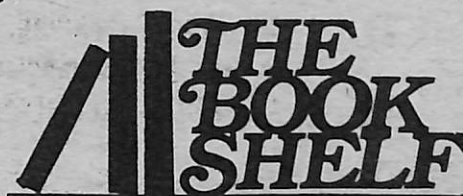
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School Lunch Menus

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Wednesday, January 31: Baked hamburger & macaroni w/ meat & tomato sauce, cup of apple juice, green beans, Italian bread and butter, cherry jello with whipped topping, milk.

Thursday, February 1: Oven roasted chicken, whipped potatoes, buttered carrots, cranberry sauce garnish, whole wheat bread & butter, hermit cookies, milk.

Friday, February 2: Filet of haddock sandwich, buttered niblet corn, oven french fries, tartar sauce & ketchup, ice cream, milk.

Monday, February 5: Cup of tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich w/ pickle chips, buttered niblet corn, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, February 6: Steamed hot dogs in roll, oven baked beans, fresh carrots & celery sticks, mustard & relish, chocolate cake w/ vanilla pudding w/ whipped topping, milk.

Wednesday, February 7: Baked meat loaf w/ ketchup, shipped potatoes, buttered waxed beans, dinner roll w/ butter, butter pecan pudding w/ whipped topping, milk.

Thursday, February 8: 1/2 tuna salad sandwich, 1/2 peanut butter & jelly sandwich, oven french fries, creamy cole slaw, ice cream, milk.

Friday, February 9: White meat turkey in gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered kernel corn, cranberry sauce garnish, school baked peanut butter & oatmeal cookies, milk.

Southwick

Monday, February 5: Turkey and cheese grinder w/ lettuce and tomato, Brian potatoes w/ catsup, oatmeal cookies, milk.

Tuesday, February 6: American Chop Suey w/ shredded cheese, buttered corn, bread and butter, chilled applesauce, milk.

Wednesday, February 7: Oven baked frankfurter on roll, catsup, mustard, and sweet relish, oven baked beans, jello w/ mixed fruit and topping, milk.

Thursday, February 8: Vegetable beef soup w/ saltines, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chilled peaches, milk.

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8 p.m.

February 6, 1979
Agawam-West Springfield
Newcomers Club Meeting
Captain Leonard House
Main Street, Agawam
8 p.m.

February 3, 1979
Agawam Jaycees
"New York City Disco"
Colosseum Banquet
House
West Springfield
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

February 6, 1979
Community Grange
Meeting
Grange Home
North Westfield Street,
8:00 p.m.

February 3, 1979
Loyal Order of Moose
#1255, "Golden Ball"
Lodge Home
56 Washington Street
Westfield, Mass.
6 p.m.

February 7, 1979
St. Anthony's Holy Name
Society - Trippa Supper
Church Hall, Maple Street
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5:30 - 7:30



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Informal Gatherings For Those Interested In Elms College

Informal social gatherings for students interested in the Elms College will be held Thursday, February 1st at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 4th at 2 p.m. The gatherings will be at the homes of alumnae Barbara Shevlin Kiely, '55, 22 Lynn Drive, South Hadley, and Michele Taylor Shepard '70, of 174 Clover Hill Drive in Feeding Hills.

According to admissions

counselor Charlene Doherty, the gatherings are designed to inform and answer questions about the College for prospective students. Recently, such a social was hosted by Mrs. Jeannie Girod '67 at the Ponce Yacht Club in Puerto Rico.

Anyone interested in participating in the socials may contact the Elms College Admissions Office.

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Social



Harriet Reynolds Celebrates 90th Birthday

Mrs. Harriet E. Reynolds, widow of James N. Reynolds, Sr., will be 90 years old this week. Born Harriet E. Koetsch in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1889, Mrs. Reynolds was a textile weaver in the woolen mills of Providence, and Lowell, Mass., and Somersville, Conn., in her youth.

On June 10, 1909, she married James N. Reynolds of Hazardville, Conn. Mr. Reynolds was a machinist

forman at the U.S. Armory and Smith & Wesson Co.

Mrs. Reynolds has two sons, George L., a school teacher from Agawam, and James N. Jr., an industrial engineer who resides in Suffield, Conn.

Mrs. Reynolds is a member of the Eastern Star and the Agawam Congregational Church. She currently resides at the Valley View Nursing home, Westfield.

Coffee Hour Rescheduled

The coffee hour planned by the Developmental Learning Center Title IV-funded program in Agawam set for last Wednesday was rescheduled to this Wednesday, January 31, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Phelps School.

Allison Farrington, psychiatric social worker from the Westfield Area Mental Health Clinic will give a presentation on "Family Communication." All parents are invited to attend.

Dessert Card Party Slated

The Ladies Aid Society of Agawam Congregational Church will hold a Dessert Card Party on February 14 at 1:00 p.m. at the church social room, 745 Main Street, Agawam. There will be table prizes and door prizes.

All are invited to attend and play their favorite card game. For reservations call Mrs. Charles McCobb at 786-8195 or the church office at 786-7111.

"Gray is Beautiful"

When members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club go shopping from now on, they will be looking for products in packaging that is gray on the inside - the tell-tale gray of recycled paperboard.

The club is one of 4,000 environmentally-aware organizations in 37 states involved in a project known as

"Gray is Beautiful," the purpose of which is to show consumers how they can actively support paper recycling in their everyday shopping.

"Most consumers think of recycling only in terms of collecting old newspapers," said Patricia Lloyd, Conservation Chairperson of the club. "That is just part of the recycling chain. Unless there is demand for the old newspapers in the form of new packaging material, it may eventually wind up being burned, adding to air pollution, or being dumped into already overcrowded garbage landfills."

Mrs. Lloyd continued, "The 'Gray is Beautiful' program goes a vital step beyond paper drives to the shelves of the supermarkets, where the good results of recycling can be seen in the form of recycled paperboard (cardboard) as packaging for products from toothpaste and

detergents to breakfast cereals and cake mixes. Hundreds of products are now being packaged this way, but many more could be added. By increasing demand for recycled paperboard, each one of us can help to create further recycling."

The club plans a two-phase program designed to encourage use of recycled paper. In phase one, members will look for products in boxes and cartons that are gray on the inside, the color identifying recycled paperboard. They will favor these products when shopping.

In phase two, the women will contact manufacturers whose products are not in recycled paperboard and urge them to consider switching. They will also make the community aware of how to spot recycled paperboard.

"We've joined this effort because recycling has become everyone's concern," Mrs. Lloyd stated. "Waste disposal is now costing the nation billions of dollars a year. Recycling is an intelligent answer to solid waste problems."

"We hope everyone will join us in choosing recycled packaging whenever possible and in letting manufacturers know that, where the environment is concerned, 'Gray is Beautiful.'"

Agawam Jaycees to Hold "New York Disco"

The Agawam Jaycees are sponsoring a "New York City Disco" at the Colosseum in West Springfield on Saturday, February 3 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Featured will be "Lucifer Moon Productions" direct from New York City with 600 watts of disco sound.

Also highlighting the evening will be a light show

and a dance contest with cash prizes.

Tickets are \$2.50 per person and can be purchased from any Agawam Jaycee or at the Agawam Food Mart. They may also be purchased at the door.

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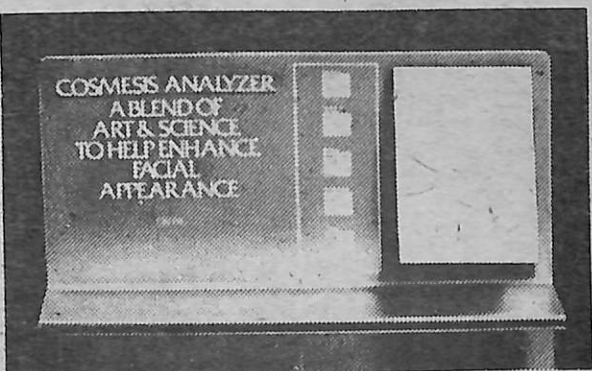


Priscilla Russo, left, demonstrates the Cosmesis Analyzer at a recent premiere with Marilyn Bernard, Univis fashion consultant.

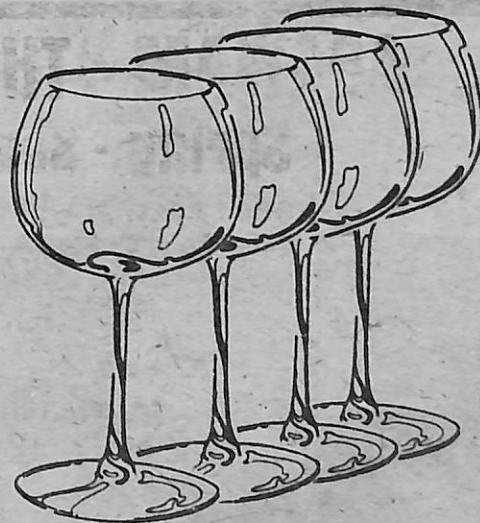
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Holy Name Dinner Slated

The Holy Name Society of St. Anthony's Church of Agawam will have its annual Trippa Supper on February 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the church hall. An alternate meal of macaroni and meatballs will be available, and either meal will include tossed salad, bread, dessert and coffee.

Tickets, which were donated through the courtesy of Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, are \$3.50 each, and the supper is open to the public. "Honey Bunch" orders to go will also be available if you bring your own container. Tickets may be purchased from society members, from ushers after mass, or at the rectory, Riverview Market and Mutti's Service Station are also selling tickets.

Father Joseph Fellin is the honorary chairman for this event with Frank Gatti and Gubby Borgatti serving as co-chairmen. Assisting them will be Peter Raimondi, Al Dugan, Al Belano, Jim Savioli, Paul D'Amato, Robert Baj, Ken Balboni, Lou Gallerani, and Holy Name members, Paul Ferrarini will handle publicity.

The kitchen department will be handled by Dorothy Pelegi, Rose Baevich, Edith Moccio, Alma Castelli, and Tilly Gallerani.

Agawam Music Department News



John S. Walker

Former Agawam Resident Retires

A former Agawam resident retired last week as director of the Maine Forest Service for the State of Maine, Department of Conservation.

John S. Walker retired after 27 years of service with the Department of conservation, serving as director of land management with the Bureau of Public Lands and the last three years as director of the Maine Forest Service.

Walker was a member of the board of trustees and the board of directors of the Eastern States Exposition, was a director of the Maine Forest Products Council, served on the three-member Baxter Park Authority with the present Governor Joseph Brennan, and was a commissioner of the Northeast Fire Protection Compact, including the New England states, the Canadian maritime Provinces, and Quebec.

Prior to his employment in 1952 with the Maine Forest Service, he worked with large land holding companies in

Maine as a timber cruiser and forest engineer.

Walker was employed as a park ranger in 1945 at Robinson State Park in Agawam.

He graduated from Agawam High School in 1940 where he was chosen All Western Massachusetts athlete for three consecutive years in football.

He attended North Carolina State College and graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in forestry.

During World War II, he served with the United States Marine Corps. Walker retired in 1971 from the Maine Army National Guard where he served as commander of both the 121st Public Information Detachment and State Headquarters Detachment and served on the Adjutant General's special staff.

He and his wife, the former June Smith of Agawam, live on their 110-acre tree farm in East Livermore, Maine.

High school band parents are sponsoring a Florida Citrus Fruit Sale with orders being taken for 20-pound bags of mixed oranges and grapefruit until February 5. The price is \$6 with orders being delivered to the band for pick up on Saturday, February 17 from 10 to 4 o'clock.

Agawam postcards are still available from band and color guard members - set of 8 for \$1 including pictures of band, high school, old Center Library, and Capt. Leonard House.

The High School "A" Band (about 38 of the top musicians in the band) will be playing at some elementary schools and at the Middle School on Tuesday, January 30. We hope to arrange programs by the Jazz Band at the other schools at a later date.

Band Pops Concert at the Middle School on February 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. will feature Senior High Concert Band and Jazz Band (led by Dave Baldock this year) and also will present guest appearances by Barbershop Quartets from the Springfield Chapter of Barbershop Singing Group. The Saturday quartet will include Gary Cole, former Agawam High student who had leading roles in *Li'l Abner* and *Annie Get Your Gun* and *Bye Bye Birdie*.

All State auditions are set for Saturday morning, February 3 at Amherst High. Wednesday, February 7.

the Senior High Jazz Band will compete in the Western District Festival at Hampshire Regional High School - about 16 schools entered, afternoon and evening.

On March 2 and 3, the Senior High Chorale Show at the high school auditorium will take place with a variety show format.

On March 6, the Jazz/Rock Chorus under Steve Files is going to the State Festival at Norwood South Jr. High.

On March 11, the Winter Color Guard is entered in the festival at Chicopee Comp.

On March 18, the senior high band and color guard will take part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

From March 22 to 24 All State Conference at Lowell State College will take place.

From April 2 to 6, National Music in our Schools Week. This is a good time to start our solo/ensemble festivals with a couple of afternoons for elementary schools, possibly separate afternoons for 6th and 7th grades, and also separate days for junior and senior high during these early April weeks.

On Sunday, March 25, our Color Guard is hoping to host a festival at the senior high gym.

On April 7 and 8, the Color Guard is competing in festivals in Springfield.

On April 29, there will be a Band Parents Tag Sale at the high school parking lot.

Heritage Hall To Hold Rock 'N Roll Jamboree

Residents of Heritage Hall Nursing Home are joining with other nursing homes throughout the United States to raise needed dollars to combat heart disease, the nation's number one killer.

On Valentine's Day, February 14, the residents will be holding a ROCK 'N ROLL JAMBOREE. By this, they mean, residents will be rocking in rocking chairs and rolling in wheelchairs as part of a fund-raising drive for the benefit of the Western Mass. division of the American Heart Association. The participating residents will be

rocking and rolling to fulfill their obligation to earn monies donated or pledged for them by sponsors.

Anyone wishing to support our efforts to raise money for a "dear heart" may make a tax deductible contribution to be donated to the Western Mass. Division of the American Heart Association. All checks, no matter how large or small, should be made payable to Heart Fund and sent to Heritage hall, South Building, 100 Harvey-Johnson Drive, Agawam, MA 01001 c/o Mrs. Venetta Snyder.



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Newcomers To Meet

The Agawam-West Springfield Newcomers Club will be honoring their Past Presidents at their next meeting on February 6th to be held at the Capt. Leonard House in Agawam at 8:00 p.m.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Ms. Holly LeFebvre from "The Stone Mill" in West Springfield. Ms. LeFebvre will speak on natural foods and their effect on man. She will also provide club members and guests some samples of natural foods.

Newcomers Club invites all women in the area to come and enjoy this special evening with them. For further information, please call 786-7643 or 786-8532.

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Grange to Meet

Community Grange will meet Tuesday, February 6 at 8 o'clock in the Grange home on North West Street.

Following the business meeting, a Monte Carlo Whist party is planned. Everyone is urged to come and enjoy this game evening.

The annual maple sugar eat-

will conclude the fun evening. Earl and Elise Bradway are co-chairpersons and chefs in preparing and serving the maple sugar. They will be assisted by Ralph and Edith Marriott. A donation of 50¢ will be asked of each person attending the sugar eat.

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AA WILL HAVE. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,
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The Springfield Chordsmen to appear at the Agawam High Pops concert are pictured above. From left to right, members are: Joseph J. Sullivan, Francis X. Morrissey, Regis H. Stock, and Richard J. Strum.

Barber Shop Quartet Featured at At Pops Concert

The Agawam High Band Pops Concert will feature special guests from the Springfield Chordsmen, the local chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Singing in America.

Each year the Pops concert, which is held in the Agawam Middle School auditorium, has a special feature and the Barbershop Quartet that will appear on each night will make a unique contribution to the listening pleasures of the audience.

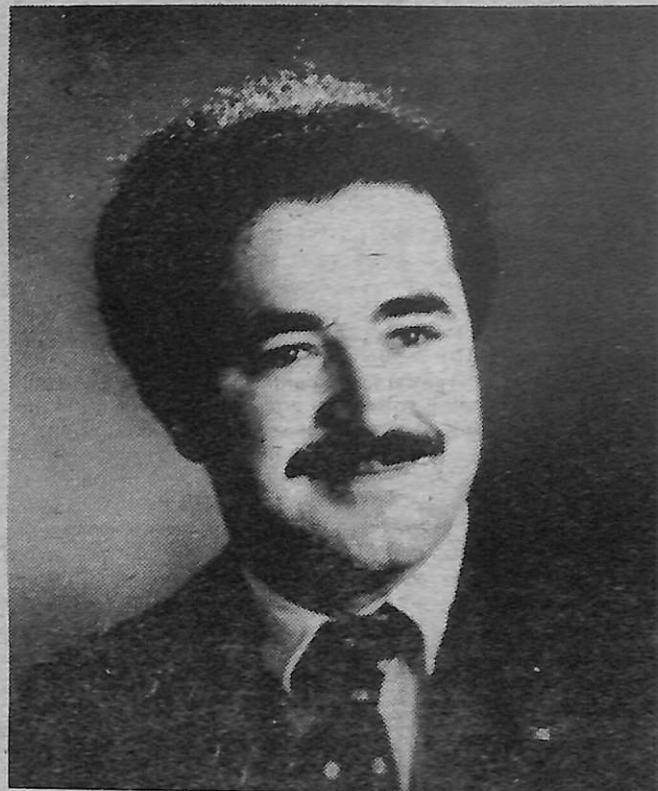
The concert will feature, as usual, table seating with light refreshments served by members of the Color Guard. It will take place on Friday and Saturday, February 2 and 3 with an 8 p.m. starting time. The program includes light concert numbers by the full Concert Band and a section by the Agawam High jazz Band, as well as the special feature of barbershop singing by this year's special guests.

Appearing on the Friday night program will be a quartet composed of tenor Joseph Sullivan, a fulltime student at UMASS and part-time cameraman at Channell 22, lead Francis Morrissey, executive director of Child and Family Service of Springfield and president of the Springfield Chordsmen Barbershop Chorus, bass Regis Stock, product

controller for Pratt-Whitney and membership chairman for the Chordsmen, and baritone Richard Strum, chief psychologist at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Northampton.

On Saturday evening, a different quartet, the "Town and City Four," includes as lead tenor a former member of Agawam high music groups, Gary Cole. Gary was featured in several of the Broadway musical productions for which Agawam High came to be known and had leading roles in *Li'l Abner* as Pappy Yokum, *Annie Get Your Gun* as Chief Sitting Bull, and *Bye Bye Birdie* as Conrad Birdie.

Former Agawam Man Joins Local Law Firm



Attorney Joseph B. Collins has recently become associated with the law firm of Kamberg, Berman and Hendel, P. C. located at 31 Elm Street, Springfield.

Mr. Collins received a Doctor of Law degree from Suffolk University Law School in June of 1978 and was admitted to the bar in December of 1978.

He is a 1975 graduate of Boston College, where he was awarded a B.A. cum laude. Mr. Collins has previously

been employed by the Department of Justice, United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Attorney General, Torts, Claims and Collections Division and the District Attorney for the Western District of Massachusetts.

Mr. Collins, formerly of Agawam, presently resides with his wife, Denise B. Collins, at 112 Slater Avenue, Springfield.

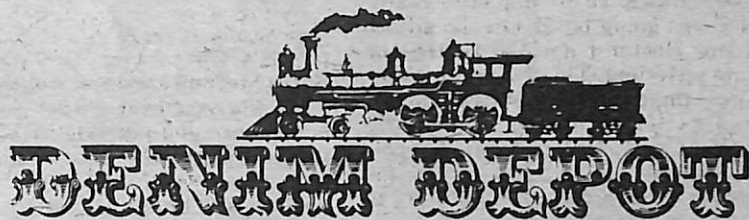
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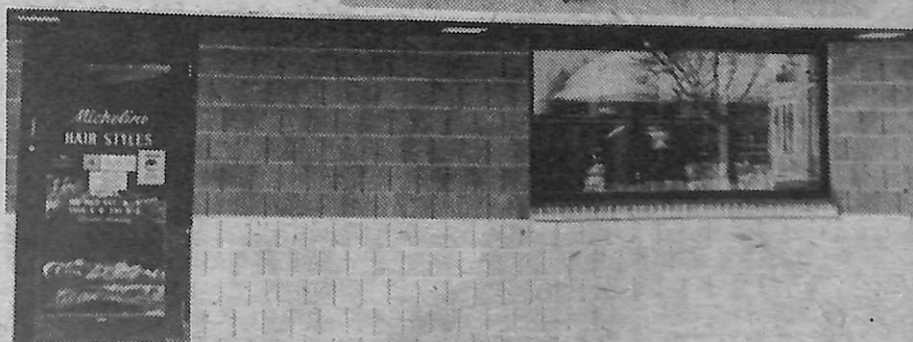
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Heart Fund Kickoff Ball



Annmarie Voight, 1979 Heart Fund Princess, demonstrates fancy steps she'll be using at the Heart Fund Kickoff Ball to be held Wednesday, January 31 at the Rodeway Inn, Chicopee. Bart Nascembeni, of Agawam, bandleader, provides a tune for Annmarie's dance, as other members of the "Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich" band look on. John Nascembeni of Agawam, the band's drummer and Joseph Panetta of Feeding Hills, bass and guitar player, will join Bart in donating their musical services for the evening's festivities.

The Heart Ball kicks off fund-raising activities planned for February Heart month and Annmarie will be there to let people know about the benefits she enjoys because of heart research. Monies raised go towards various research projects to help eradicate the nation's number one killer. The heart-lung machine, used in open heart surgery, one of

The heart-lung machine, used in open heart surgery, is just one of these achievements and it kept Annmarie alive during her 1977 open heart surgery at Boston Children's Hospital. Her congenital defect is now repaired and she leads a normal, active life as a 10 year old, fifth grade student at Sacred Heart Elementary School. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Voight of Springfield, Annmarie now participates in many active sports and especially enjoys swimming and ice skating. Her future is bright, thanks to heart research.

Reservations for the Heart Ball can be made by calling the Heart Association office in Springfield at 732-4121. The event is open to the public. photo by Jack Devine.

Do You Wear Glasses?

Here's an effective new eye-exercise program that can produce astonishing results in a very short time...

By Dr. James Kennedy

The Bettervision Eye Clinic is now offering a program of eye-exercises that can completely cure most cases of near-sight, far-sight, and astigmatism — so that glasses or contact lenses are no longer needed. Originally developed by Dr. William H. Bates of the New York Eye Hospital, this method has been widely used by the Armed Forces, schools, clinics, and thousands of private individuals.

For many years it was thought that poor eyesight was just bad luck, or something you inherit from your parents. Scientists now know that most eyesight problems are caused by accumulated stress and strain — which squeeze the eyeball out of shape, and affect the muscles that do the focusing. The result is the eye cannot form a clear image, and the world appears to be blurry.

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By following the Bates Method, you will save hundreds of dollars in glasses and eye examinations during the years to come. The program is fully guaranteed. Try it for 30 days, and if you're not completely satisfied, send it back for a prompt refund.

Anyone can do them — children, adults, or seniors. No matter how poor your vision, even if you have worn glasses all your life, you can expect to see a definite improvement within 1 or 2 weeks. Things will become clearer and clearer, and you will have flashes of good vision. As you go through the program, these flashes become longer and more frequent, and gradually blend into permanent better sight.

If your eyesight is not too bad, you can expect to return to 20/20 vision in about a month. Even if your eyesight is really poor, within 2 to 3 months you should be able to put away your glasses, once and for all. Read these case histories:

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By following this program, you will soon be able to see clearly without glasses. It's up to you. Ordering the Bates Method can be one of the best decisions you ever made. So do it now before you get sidetracked and forget. Fill out the order coupon, attach your check for \$9.95 plus \$1 for postage and handling, and mail it to us today!

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Coffee will be served prior to the discussion time set for 10 to 11 a.m.

All denominations are welcome, and no previous knowledge of the Bible is necessary. The only requirement is a desire to learn.

For further information, please call 782-2080 or just drop Wednesday morning. Bring a friend.

1st Annual 'Donald Nardi Road Race' Planned

The many friends of the late Donald Nardi of Feeding Hills have joined together to promote the 2nd Annual 4th of July Road Race in Agawam as the 1st Annual Donald Nardi Memorial Road Race.

Don Nardi, who fell victim to illness shortly after he had initiated the 1st Annual Road Race, had dreamed of making this race one of the most prestigious in New England. Don had planned to run in this race but fell ill on the day of the race. The next day he entered the hospital and subsequently died.

A benefit spaghetti supper will be held at the Middle School from 4-8 p.m. on Saturday, February 17th to raise funds for this very special race.

The committee in charge of arrangements consists of: Post Master Joseph Dahdah, Chief of Police Stanley Chmielewski, Joe Davis, Ellery Montagna, and Walter Childs.



Left to right: Joe Davis, Joe Dahdah, Walter Childs, Ellery Montagna, and Stan Chmielewski. photo by Jack Devine.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Please allow me to speak to the citizens of our community through your newspaper.

I am a member of the Agawam Businessmen's Association, but I am not part of the association sub-committee that is looking into the activities of the Library Building Committee.

My education and experience have always led me to believe that I was a blessed member of a democratic system so I was governed by the people, of the people, and for the people. The very term *democracy* fully granted me the right to know all of the affairs of my government and to inquire into any matter of government that I choose to. That's the very heart of democracy and that's what my country has been all about for two centuries.

Now it seems these rights and privileges, which I have for so long taken for granted, have become conditional... this frightens and depresses me.

The business association sub-committee members exercised the right to know and received letters of threat from the architect's lawyer and promise of lawsuit from the chairman of the building committee, who apparently feels the inquiry by these citizens is improper. The Town Manager has now placed preconditions for an inquiry that are just plain foolish.

This is frightening because I too might wish to ask questions of my government someday, and I don't want to be threatened with a lawsuit or have an appointed official set his own arbitrary rules to control my right of inquiry.

All we citizens of Agawam will do well to worry about these conditions.

The committee from our association has every right and even a duty to question the activities of the Library Building Committee. Time may show that the building committee acted completely proper, but this will not show our association was wrong for asking part of our government to explain its activities.

I dare not sign my name...my expression of honest opinion might bring a lawsuit down upon me.

To the Editor:

I write to express praise and appreciation to the Public Works Department of Agawam.

Last Saturday evening I drove home from Williamsburg as five or six inches of snow was falling fast. From the start and through Florence, Northampton, Easthampton, Southhampton, Westfield, and West Springfield not a snow plow nor sand truck was seen, and there were cars in trouble.

Arriving in Agawam, everything was plowed an even my residential street was in excellent condition. Our highway department deserves a lot of credit for our safe driving conditions this winter.

Sincerely,
Florence Blish
42 Norman Terrace

Town Council Meeting

The Agawam Town Council will hold its first meeting in February on Monday, the 5th, at 8 p.m.

Included on the agenda for this meeting will be the approval of the new water rates effective July 1, 1978. The new rates would be as follows: \$0.75 100 cubic feet for usage up to 10,000 cubic feet; \$0.64 100 cubic feet for the next 40,000 cubic feet; and \$0.41 100 cubic feet for usage over 50,000 cubic feet.

Another agenda item will be the possible passage of a resolution by the Town Council to request the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that it enact appropriate legislation which will remove all employees of the Town of Agawam from the jurisdiction of Civil Service.

In other action, the Council will take action on the proposed increase in salary for the Town Manager; a zone change request by Frank Solitario for a proposed condominium complex at South and Suffield Streets will be referred to the Planning Board; and the Race Track Proposal.

All citizens are urged to attend.

Some Facts

The Race Track Proposal

Town Manager, Peter Caputo, met last week with Mr. John E. O'Neill, a realtor from Boston, and Mr. Edward J. Ryan of South Hadley. O'Neill and Ryan are principals in Pioneer Valley Raceway, Inc. - O'Neill is president and Ryan vice-president.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposal made by Pioneer Valley Raceway to rehabilitate the old grandstand and club house located off Siver Street for the purpose of using the site for harness and dog racing.

Pioneer Valley Raceway, Inc. has obtained a purchase option on the property from its present owners, the Republican Companies. In a letter to Caputo, O'Neill stated the cost of refurbishing the facilities at \$3,000,000. He indicated that "when at all possible, we would use the services of local mechanics and contractors in upgrading the property."

Pioneer Valley Raceway attempted to have such a facility approved several years ago. At that time much of the opposition centered around the fact that the road system in town was inadequate to accommodate the expected traffic flow. O'Neill contends in his letter that the proposed relocation of Route 57 "should minimize any objection that would be attributable to the development of the airport location."

The town of Agawam must give site approval to the project before it can be started. In the proposal, conditioned upon site approval, several factors were brought forth. Below is a summary, in outline form of the racetrack proposal:

- I. 80 % of approximately 300 positions which would be open at the track would first be offered to residents of Agawam.
- II. The present tax base of some \$900,000 would be tripled if the community applies an ad valorem tax.
- A. The track would not add to the school system
- III. Pioneer Valley Raceway, Inc. would pay all utility charges and in addition:
 - A. Bear all on-site security costs
 - B. Pay for any detail traffic officers at intersections off the site where needed.
 - C. At the track's expense, 24-hour fire patrol
 - D. The track would pay for its own trash and chip removal
 - E. Adequate on-site parking
 - F. Facility to be landscaped and constructed so as to be aesthetically pleasing.
- IV. A direct impact on the local economy of about \$890,000 a month - or in excess of \$10,000,000 per year before computing "the indirect spin-off that will come as a result of the additional flow of dollars" in the town.

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From The Editors Desk



This is our anniversary! One year ago, we put out the first edition of *The Agawam Advertiser/News*. We have forgone any big celebration. We are instead taking stock - looking back to see where we went right, and where we went wrong. We are re-assessing our goals and our values, and are looking for ways to improve the quality of our newspaper. In conjunction with this, we invite any and all readers to send us suggestions on ways that we can improve your hometown paper. We would like to hear from you, so please don't hesitate to write.

In conjunction with our anniversary, which we will be celebrating for the entire month of February, we have a couple of special offers for our readers. These will be announced next week.

At this time I would like to thank all of you for the support you've given us over the past year. Without your help and encouragement, we probably would have given up long ago. It is heartwarming to know that we have so many wonderful friends who appreciate the effort we put forth daily to give you, what we feel, is one of the best hometown newspapers to be found.

The above proposals were made in light of the fact that the Massachusetts Legislature has enacted legislation authorizing 130 days of harness racing and 210 days of dog racing, "specifically allocating the dates to Hampden County," according to O'Neill's cover letter.

At the next Town Council meeting, scheduled for Monday, February 5, members of the Town Council will vote as to whether or not they will give further consideration to the proposal.

Legal Notice Legal Notice

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by LAWRENCE G. PARO of Feeding Hills, Hampden County, Massachusetts, dated January 9, 1978, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 4538, Page 289, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, there will be sold at public auction at nine o'clock a.m. on Thursday, March 8, 1979, on Lot 1 of the premises hereinafter described, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage, said premises being therein described substantially as follows, to wit:

"A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in AGAWAM, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being known and designated as Lots 1 (one), 2 (two), 3 (three) and 4 (four) all as shown on a plan entitled "Plan Of Lots North Westfield Street Agawam, Mass. For Frank Solitario Main Street Agawam, Mass." and to be recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said Lots.

SUBJECT TO restrictions of record, to the extent any are in force and applicable.

SUBJECT TO easement rights of Western Massachusetts Electric Company as successor in interest to Turners Falls Power and Electric Company under instrument dated June 11, 1917 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 979, Page 367, and as confirmed in instrument dated August 1, 1960, and recorded as aforesaid in Book 2759, Page 472.

SUBJECT TO rights granted Western Massachusetts Electric Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company dated June 30, 1967, and recorded as aforesaid in Book 3269, Page 196.

Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor herein by deed of Frank J. Solitario, which deed is to be recorded herewith in Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

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The above premises will be sold subject to all outstanding municipal taxes, tax titles, assessments or liens, if any.

One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) will be required to be paid in cash, bank check, or certified check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale as earnest money; other terms to be announced at the sale.

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By Thomas J. Howard Jr.
Its Treasurer

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Scharoff and Smith, P. C., Attorneys
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"A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in AGAWAM, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being known and designated as Lots 13 (thirteen) through 20 (twenty) inclusive, all as shown on a plan recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 108, Page 119, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said Lots.

SUBJECT TO restrictions of record, to the extent any are in force and applicable.

SUBJECT TO easement rights granted Western Massachusetts Electric Company as successor in interest to Turners Falls Power and Electric Company under instrument dated June 11, 1917, and recorded as aforesaid in Book 979, Page 367, and confirmed under instrument dated August 1, 1960, and recorded as aforesaid in Book 2759, Page 472.

Said Lot 17 (seventeen) is subject to a twenty (20) foot storm drain as shown on said plan.

Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor herein by deed of Horseshoe Realty Inc., which deed is to be recorded herewith in Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

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By Thomas J. Howard Jr.
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Pioneer Valley Scholarship Contest Underway

The Agawam Jaycees and Jaycee-ettes have announced plans to again present hundreds of dollars of scholarships and awards to some young woman within the Pioneer Valley.

For the past six years, the Jaycees and Jaycee-ettes have sponsored the Pageant giving young women throughout the area the opportunity to participate in an official Miss America preliminary pageant. The Miss America Program is now in its fifty-ninth year and is the largest single scholarship foundation for young women in the world. The winner of the Miss Pioneer Valley Scholarship Pageant will enter the Miss Massachusetts Pageant in early June which will select the representative to the Miss America Pageant.

The event this year will be the seventh annual Miss Pioneer Valley Pageant. Serving as General Chairman of the program will be Ted Zern, Bob Ferris and Gary Hodge of the Agawam Jaycees. Zern commented that "we are again serving as sponsors because we believe it provides a valuable contribution to the community and to the young women who will enter the competition. We

also feel that it focuses attention on the high calibre youth of the area providing the opportunity for the participants to gain added poise and maturity, and most importantly, the receipt of scholarship awards.

To qualify for entry in the Miss Pioneer Valley Scholarship Pageant, a young woman must be between the ages of 17 and 26, be at least a senior in high school, and must never have been married. Students attending local colleges are also eligible. The entry deadline for contestants is March 1. Application information can be obtained by contacting the Agawam Jaycees, P.O. Box 101, Agawam, Ma. 01001 or by calling 786-5113 or 786-1679. Now is the time to decide for any young woman in the Pioneer Valley area.

Serving as entries chairpersons will be Marie Ferris and the reigning Miss Pioneer Valley, Ann-Marie Anetzberger. Miss Anetzberger strongly urged every young woman to consider what may well be the experience of a lifetime and encouraged parents, friends, and relatives of potential contestants to suggest this opportunity to them.

'Today's Army' to Hold Coffee Hour

"Today's Army" will be the topic for discussion at the Parents' Coffee Hour to be held at Agawam High School on February 1st at 8:45 p.m.

Addressing the group will be Staff Sergeant Allen Cudd of the Army's Agawam office and Sergeant Barbara Jocelyn, a West Springfield native now serving as a recruiter in Hartford, Connecticut. They will describe new army programs, military educational benefits, and expanded opportunities for women in the service.

Sgt. Cudd has been a recruiter in the Springfield area for the past three years. A Georgia native, he entered the army in 1970 as an armor reconnaissance specialist. After training at Ft. Polk, Louisiana and Ft. Knox, Kentucky, he served in both

Europe and California before starting recruiting duty in Massachusetts.

Sgt. Jocelyn is the daughter of Herbert Jocelyn of 113 Dorwin Drive, West Springfield. A 1970 graduate of West Springfield High School, she worked at Springfield's Valley Bank before starting her military career in 1973 as a clinical medical specialist.

After training at Ft. McClellan, Alabama and Ft. Gordon, Georgia, she served in Germany as well as at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts and Ft. Carson, Colorado.

She is presently one of only three women working as army recruiters in Connecticut and has appeared on Connecticut radio to explain the new roles women now have in the military.

Moose to Hold 'Golden Ball'

The Loyal Order of Moose #1255 will hold its 20th fund raising "Golden Ball" on February 3, 1979. The event will be held at the Lodge Home, 56 Washington Street, Westfield, and will begin at 6 p.m.

Funds raised at this annual event will be used to support services to children at Mooseheart, Illinois. All Moose members, friends and guests are invited to help make this a success.

Dinner will consist of roast beef, vegetables, potatoe, coffee and dessert. Price is \$3.50 per person. Reservations and tickets are available by contacting Marge DeRock. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Following dinner, the story of the golden ball will be narrated by Wilfred W. Bissonette of Agawam. Following the 9 o'clock ceremony there will be dancing until 7.

Invited guests include Charles Fiend, Mass. and Rhode Island Moose Association Endowment Fund Chairman from Newburyport, Mass.; Harry Spencer, Deputy Grand North Moose; and Liselotte Sileikis, Women of the Moose, Deputy Grand Regent from Westfield. The latter two were installed and presented their honors at the International Convention at Mooseheart, Ill. Mrs. Sileikis will govern the Women of the Moose of Mass. and Rhode Island.

DiPietro, Baszak Named to Dean's List

Celeste Regina DiPietro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John DiPietro of 47 Bridge Street, Agawam, has attained Dean's List standing at Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, for the fall semester.

Miss DiPietro, a graduate of MacDuffie School for Girls, is a senior at the college.

Mark A. Baszak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony

Baszak of 710 Mill Street, Feeding Hills, has attained Dean's List standing for the fall semester at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Mark, a music major, achieved better than a 3.5 average in earning a place on the Dean's List.

He is a 1977 graduate of Agawam High School and is currently studying piano with Nigel Coxe and Ann Rothenberg.

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Sports



Agawam wrestlers Frank Bonavita (left) Dan Guthrie (right), co-captains of the Agawam Wrestling team are pictured with the trophy they were presented after a match with West Springfield. Holding the trophy are Dave Lyne from the Elks, and Coach Phil Tomkiel (second from right). photo by Jack Devine

Agawam Wrestlers Capture Elks Trophy for Second Straight Year

For the second straight year, Agawam High School has won the West Springfield-Agawam Elks Wrestling Trophy. In doing so, the Brownies upped their record to 10-0 by defeating the West Side Terriers 66-6.

Pin seems to be the only word in Agawam's vocabulary, and six was the number of the day as the Brownies took full advantage of both of them. The following are the details of the matches: Steve Squeglia (100) - winner by forfeit.

Bob Schwein (107) - winner by pin in the second period, remains unbeaten in nine events. Steve Fields (114) - winner by pin in :19 of the first period, has an impressive 9-1 record. Frank Bonavita (121) - winner by pin in the second period; remains unbeaten in ten events

Paul Zerbinopoulos (128) - winner by forfeit. Tom Munley (134) - winner by pin in the first period. Gus Yacteen (140) - winner by disqualification in the third

period; was winning 22-15 when the disqualification occurred. Dan Guthrie (147) - winner by pin in the first period; his record now 9-1. Joe Pezzimenti (157) - winner by pin in the first period, has improved his record to 6-1-1. Ross Fogg (169) - winner by forfeit. Jay Barry (HW) - winner by pin in :44 of the first period. This complete effort by a strong Agawam team assured the Elks Trophy of staying another year in Agawam's showcase.

Agawam's JV Hockey Team Win No. 7

After losing to the West Springfield JV 3-0 on January 23, the Agawam JV hockey team bounced back to a strong performance against Westfield, downing the Bombers 6-2 on January 25.

Goals were scored by Todd Brown unassisted, Sean O'Connor from Charlie Vanasse and John Couture, Charlie Vanasse from Steve Buoniconti and Sean O'Connor, Sean O'Connor from Jim Boland, John Couture from Charlie Vanasse and Jim Boland, and John Couture from Sean O'Connor.

A strong defensive game was played by Mark LaViolette, Art Herring, Jim Boland, and Stev Buoniconti and the goaltending of Sam Deitelbaum, and John Kunasek led the Brownie JV team to its 7th win.

Jr. High Girls Basketball Team Beats West Side 26-23

In a closely contested game, the Agawam Junior High girls' basketball team overpowered West Springfield by a 26-23 score.

Fine defensive teamwork was displayed by the Agawam team. With a tie score of 23-23, Chris Altobelli sank a foul shot and Renee Dalton added a 2-point insurance basket within the last minute of the game.

In a previous game, the girls' team traveled to J. F.

Kennedy in Northampton and handily won by a margin of 52-28. Kelly Lizewski was high scorer with 12 points.

On Tuesday, January 23, the team continued undefeated by outscoring Hawley of Northampton 36-10. Most of the team saw action with Patty Niemiec registering 10 points, Kelly Lizewski, 8, and Mary Kamyk, 6.

Manager for the team is Terry Nardi.

Self Defense Course To Be Offered

Beginning on Wednesday, February 7, 1979, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. through March 28, 1979, the recreation department will offer a self-defense course at the Agawam Junior High gym.

David Skolnick will

instruct this course, and a \$10 fee will be charged for the eight-week program.

Pre-registration will be accepted in the Parks and Recreation office daily Monday through Friday from 9 to 3 o'clock.



Recent wrestling action in match between Agawam High and West Springfield High. photo by Jack Devine

Agawam Blackhawks Lose to Westfield 5-4

The 10-12 A Blackhawks, coached by Ed Drwnowski, missed their chance to move back into first place by losing

to Westfield in a hotly-contested game with a final score of 5-4.

The Blackhawks led for

two periods, but Westfield came back strong in the third period.

Goals for Agawam were scored by Dean Liptak, Joe Dussault, Jay Passerini, and Kevin Mercadante, with assists from Paul Ferraro, Peter Sibilia, Mike Santeri, and John O'Malley.

Agawam bounced right back the following day by defeating Ludlow 5-1. David Liptak did a super job in goal. He was helped by goals from Dennis Drewnowski, Jay Passerini, John Spellacy, and Kevin Mercadante, who scored twice.

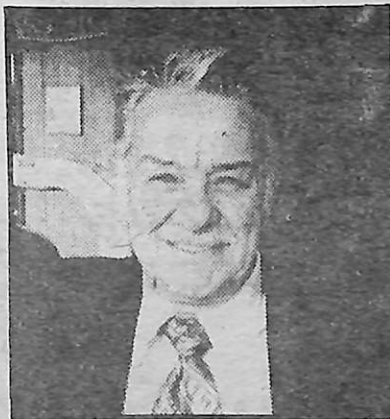
Assists came from Chris Juzba, Bill Beauregard, Joe Dussault, Erik Blanchard, Paul Ferraro, and Dennis Drewnowski.

The Blackhawks face a rough schedule this week as they play some of their toughest competition in the next three games.

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Southwick Hockey News

In hockey action on Saturday, January 20, Southwick's 6-8 team tied Westfield 4-4. In a hard-fought game, Southwick's captain, Mark Frappier, scored a hat trick which gave him a 14 game tally for the season.

The other lone score was made by right wing Mark Hosmer, alternate captain, with assists going to John Buscemi, Mike Granaudo, and Mark Hosmer (on the first.)

The 8-10 Southwick Police played an excellent game against the first place South Hadley team beating them 1-0. Russell Sabadosa scored the lone goal, assisted by Robbie Haramut and Ronnie Hebert. Joey Gentry picked up his first shutout in goal

playing magnificently.

Hebert, Erik Sheldon, Jason LaBrecque, and Chuck Wilson held Southwick in the game on defense. Patti Hoyt made some fine plays.

The spirit of the team has soared after this victory, which was well-deserved.

Southwick's 12-14 team beat East Springfield 6-1. Gene Davidson scored the hat trick, with Joey Myette scoring two and Doug Sullivan one.

Don Furlani and Mike Cecchini, who picked up two assists, were excellent on defense, and goaltending by Chris Sheldon was terrific.

The 14-16 VFW team tied Holyoke 4-4 in a high-spirited game. The hat trick was scored by Glen Wurthele.

Agawam Senior Center Wright Street

February 5: Spinach pie, red beet salad, jello

February 6: Swedish meatballs in sour cream sauce, noodles, creamed corn, pie

February 7: Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, french cut green beans, fruit.

February 8: Swiss steak, potato puffs, carrot salad, cookies

February 9: Fish on tomatoes & onions, rice, lemon cobbler

Our Square Dancing class started January 22 and was a great success. Last sign-up date will be Monday, February 5. So come on the 29th or on the 5th - you'll never regret it.

We will have a Valentine Dance on Sunday, February 11, at 2 p.m. Our old friends, the Goldenaires, will be playing again, and there will be refreshments, as usual. Price 50c. Please buy your tickets in the office, there will be no sale of tickets at the door.

On Wednesday, the 31st, we will be showing the contemporary film *Brian's Song*, a true story. Even if you have seen it already on TV, you won't want to miss the chance of seeing it again. The show starts at 12:30 p.m.

We will have one or two busses, as needed, to see the flower show in Boston on March 20. Lunch at the wellknown "Jimmy's Harbor Side Restaurant", will offer a choice between Jumbo Shrimp a la Greque or Shish Kebab (lamb) Athenian style. Total price: \$15.00.

The next hypertension clinic will be February 6, 1979, for starting with the letter A-L.

'African Safari' At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center is having a special showing of an adventure program titled: "An African Safari" on Saturday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Lawrence Debing, an accomplished wildlife photographer took an extended tour of the African Plains. He and his wife, Mabel, captured numerous feelings and emotions in pictures and have prepared a colorful slide presentation. Though "An African Safari" concentrates on the varied plants and animals, a look at some cultures of eastern Africa is included.

"An African Safari" is open to the public, though reservations are limited. An admission fee is charged, and for more information, call Laughing Brook, any day, at 566-3571.

Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba

Frank Woolner, noted outdoor writer, conservationist and pioneer in the development of fluorescent hunter orange, was selected by his peers to receive the Winchester-Western Outdoorsman of the Year Award for 1978.

In making the presentation, Mr. Talley, senior vice-president of the Winchester Group, cited Frank Woolner's significant writing contributions (author of eight books, the most recent being *Trout Hunting*) beside being editor of *Salt Water Sportsman* magazine.

I served with Frank on the Board of Directors of the New England Outdoor Writers' Association for many years. He is one of the finest individuals I have ever had the pleasure of being associated with. He deserves the award.

Frank is in prestigious company. Previous recipients of the Winchester-Western Outdoorsman of the Year Award include the late Jack O'Connor, Representative John D. Dingell of Michigan, Roger Latham, Lee Wulfi, the late Nash Buckingham, the late John Alden Knight, Stewart L. Udall, General James H. Doolittle, the late Warren Page, Ted Trueblood, Fred Bear, and Grits Gresham.

The Western Mass. Fly Fishermen Club is again offering a very fine tutored class of fly tying for adults and



youngsters. Materials and other sundries will be furnished by the club.

Head tutor of the classes is Joe Berkowicz of Feeding Hills, and he will be assisted by other members of the club.

Classes will start at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 6th. This is the junior classes. Adult classes will begin Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. also at the Ludlow Fish and Game club.

If you are interested and want to join the classes, attend the first session.

Paul Herig, deer program biologist in the wildlife unit of the Department of Environmental Protection in Connecticut, reports a total harvest of deer for 1978 of 945.

Of the 945 deer, 128 were taken by archers, 230 by muzzleloader hunters, and 587 by shotgun hunters. Although the shotgun hunters' success decreased from last year, muzzleloaders scored very well. They were up 95%, 118 in 1977 to 230 in 1978.

The average weight and antler points of male yearlings, which are used as standard year to year

comparisons, did reflect a seven-pound loss and a .3 point decrease from the 1977 averages. The present figures are almost identical to those for 1976.

The highway deer kill is presently 1,054 and Herig expects the total kill to be over 1100. Since Connecticut has had a deer hunting season, the highway kill has exceeded the hunting season totals for four consecutive seasons.

On February 1, 2, and 3, the North Eastern Bass Association will present a bass fishing show at the Eastfield Mall in Springfield.

The show, which is free to the public, will feature some of the best bass pros in the

northeast, giving mini-seminars on bass fishing. There will also be marine dealers with the latest in bass boats, tackle manufacturers' representatives with the newest lures and tackle, representative of outdoor publications, a wildlife artist, local N.E.B.A. chapters, casting tanks for demonstrations of casting techniques and lure action, and two big tanks with live fish on display.

Appearing in person will be the Northeast Bass Champion for 1978, Ed Preisser. Also, Mass. Champions Larry Allard and Charlie Juras; Conn. champion Hank Millard; and Lunker specialists Doug Eriquez and John Wise.



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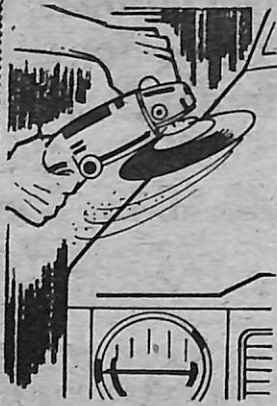
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edging techniques. We have to learn to "angulate" to make sure that our edges hold on ice. To angulate we lean the lower body into the turn and counter balance with the upper body. At slower speeds you can edge more with your legs, while at higher speeds hip angulation and inclination are needed.

Turning: To turn the skis properly you must turn the feet/que needed to turn the skis can be brought to the feet from various parts of the body. In a long-radius turn the body should turn more or

less in unison with the legs, while in short-radius turns the legs do the turning and the upper body is kept quiet.

Pressure: Edging and turning the skis is complimented by applying pressure to the skis. You may need to unweight the skis in order to change the edges, pivot the skis or absorb a bump. You might want to put more pressure on the tails of the ski to stop the skis from skidding out, or you may want to increase pressure on the tips to turn faster. In deep snow you may want to stand on two feet while in an aggressive turn pressuring the outside ski will cause it to "bite" the snow. Certain pressure variation will slowly grow upon you and begin making sense. Pressure control makes edging and turning more effective.

Agawam Golden Agers

The Agawam Golden Agers held their regular meeting on January 24, at the Senior Center, Wright Street, Agawam. A white elephant sale was held and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

At the next meeting, Gift bingo will be played. All senior citizens are welcome to join.

Revenue Act Seminar Sponsored by WESTBANK



Left to right: Tom Burton, partner/Main Lafrentz; Ted Kosior, Senior Vice President of WESTBANK; Don Ugolini, Vice President, WESTBANK; Larry Green, Tax Administrator, Main Lafrentz; Bill Kelliher, National Tax Office, Main Lafrentz, Washington D.C.; and Don Dupre, Managing Partner/Main Lafrentz.

A seminar on the Revenue Act of 1978 and the Energy Tax Act has been presented by Park West Bank and Trust Company in association with Main Lafrentz & Co., Wednesday, January 24, at Storowtown Tavern in West Springfield.

The speakers were William

B. Kelliher, Esquire, from the National Tax Office of Main Lafrentz & Co. in Washington D.C., whose main topic was Corporate Taxes. The other speakers were Larry Green, Tax Administrator of the Main Lafrentz Springfield office, who spoke on Individual Taxes, and Donald L. Ugolini, Vice President and Trust Officer of WESTBANK, who discussed Estate Planning and Taxes. Introducing the speakers and serving as moderator for the question and answer period,

was Theodore P. Kosior, Senior Vice President of WESTBANK. The highlight of the seminar was the Congressional Update presented by Kelliher, who has a finger on the Congressional pulse in Washington.

Kelliher indicated that no major tax reform legislation is expected in 1979, terming it kind of a 'Ho-Hum' year legislatively. He noted that Congress will probably not enact any tax cuts for 1980 unless the economy slips into a general recession this year.

Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os



The state bird of Washington, Iowa, and New Jersey, the American Goldfinch is a common, well-known, and well-liked bird. Sometimes known as lettuce bird, salad bird, thistle bird, and or wild canary, the American Goldfinch has earned these nicknames either through its eating habits or its musical song of *per-chic-o-ree!*

During the winter time, the colorful male loses much of its bright yellow color and closely resembles the much duller female and immature. At that time, they are dull gray with black wings, tail and white wing bars. During the spring, the male regains his bright yellow hue, which markedly offsets his black cap and wings. With his stubby finch bill, notched tail, whitish rump, and roller coaster flight pattern, he is easily spotted.

When the American Goldfinch finds a good winter food supply, he is likely to stay north for the winter. He often flocks with other finches and sparrows and seems unmindful of the cold. He will visit the feeder searching for sunflower seeds and his beloved thistle seeds. The American Goldfinch is one bird that comes to depend on the food source offered by

people and must not be disappointed on cold winter mornings.

As spring approaches, the males begin to brighten up and are easily distinguished from the females. When other species begin pairing off in April for mating season, the goldfinch remains in a flock cavorting over fields of new grass and brush.

It is not until mid-summer that the goldfinch begins to settle down. It is believed that the species waits so long because of the manner in which it feeds its young.

The adult goldfinches shuck seeds for their young and serve them the regurgitated pulp. The seeds necessary for this procedure are not ripe until July and therein lies the reason for the wait.

Goldfinches make excellent parents. The female picks a site for a nest while the male hovers nearby. They both construct the deep, cup-shaped nest which is so well-built it is often watertight. In fact, the fledglings are in danger of drowning if they are not sheltered by their parents during rain storms.

The four to six eggs in the clutch take from twelve to fourteen days to hatch, and then the fledglings spend another ten to sixteen days in the nest.

The male remains around the nest helping with the feeding, protecting his mate from intruders, and serenading her through the season. There is only enough time for the couple to raise one brood. In fact, some fledglings do not leave the nest until as late as October.

They are endearing little creatures and may be overlooked at your feeder during the winter due to their rather drab appearance.

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Roger Gallant's Kanine Kollege



Roger Gallant, a well known figure in dog obedience circles, operates an obedience training school in Agawam called Kanine Kollege. Roger has one obedience school in Agawam, located off Silver Street, and one in Hazardville, Conn.

The training method Roger uses is one he developed himself and is now used all over the United States and Canada. He calls his technique the humane approach to obedience training. He instructs a handler, (dog owner) to command his dog at a level that is clearly understood by the dog, always encouraging and praising the dog.

The dog owner is instructed first, before actual training with the dog, to insure that the dog clearly understands what his handler expects of him. Later, after the handler has learned the proper commands and body motion, training of the dog begins.

Choke collars and prod-sticks are never used in Rogers' classes, only properly fitted nylon collars and a leash. They are not only acceptable but necessary at Kanine Kollege. The dog is trained using his natural willingness to please his owner.

Roger, however, uses a no-nonsense approach for both dog and handler. He teaches a handler to be firm as well as encouraging to his dog, and Roger insures that a handler is working his dog properly. If a handler is confusing his dog by giving a sloppy or improper command, the handler is again instructed on the proper command and then reunited with his dog.



There are five different classes of obedience training; the beginners class, training a dog on a leash; intermediate class, off-leash heeling; novice class, off leash general obedience; open class, jumping and return; and utility class, which encompasses scent discrimination and hand signals. It takes approximately twenty-one weeks to progress from beginners class to novice and two and a half years to go from beginners to utility class.

Roger has been training dogs for twenty-three years and was the first vice president of the National Association of Dog Obedience Instructors, of which he is now a character member. He established Kanine Kollege in 1974, and conducts clinics all over the country, teaching his method of obedience training. He also owns Kanine Enterprises which manufactures training equipment for dogs.

His wife, Jo Gallant, is the treasurer of Kanine Enterprises and also runs the office for the Kanine Kollege. She is publisher and editor of the New England Obedience News, (NEON), which represents all-American mixed breed obedience titles all over the country.

Roger trains for private owners, local and state police. He is assisted in his work by Sharon Cappelz, a professional handler. Sharon has two dogs of her own, Juba, an attack trained German Shepard, and Marty, a seven month old German Shepard which she is presently training. She works fulltime with Roger at the Kanine Kollege.

Roger has won many titles with his own obedience trained dogs. Twice a year the Kanine Kollege sponsors obedience matches which are open to anyone. Dog owners from all over the United States come to match their dogs against others in the obedience trials.



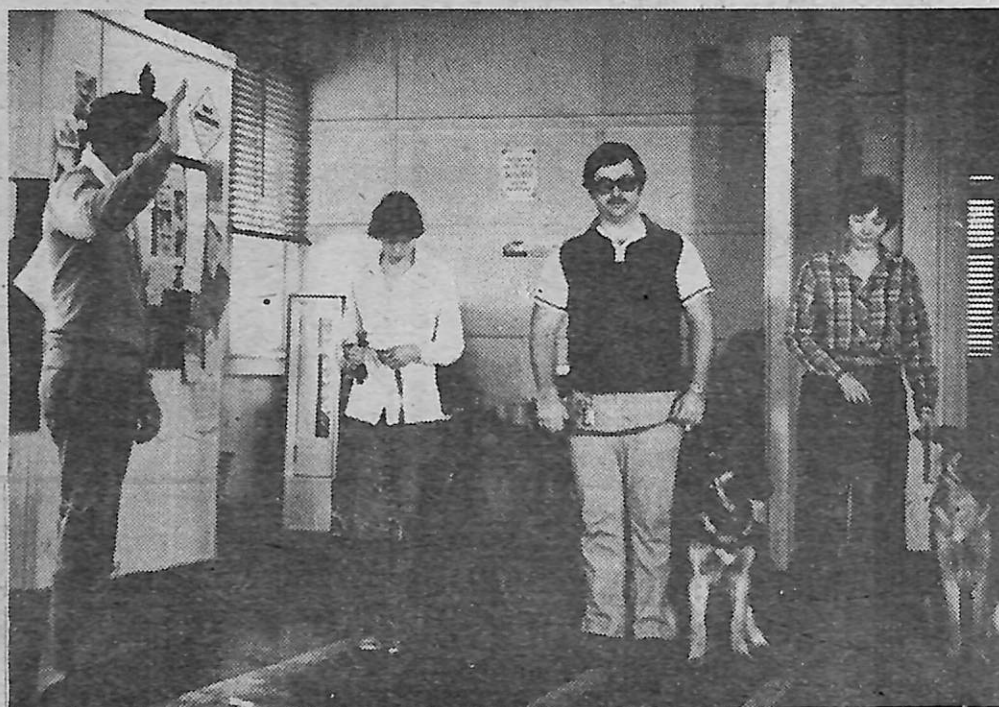
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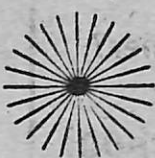
Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center, in Hampden announces a new admission policy for senior citizens. For people aged sixty-five and over the entrance fee to the Main / Street facility is one half of the regular adult admission.

Laughing Brook is the former home of famed children's author Thornton W. Burgess. It is one of fourteen staffed sanctuaries of the Massachusetts Audubon Society. The non-profit educational organization receives support from memberships, gifts and admissions generated from the sanctuaries and their programs. Over 25,000 people are members of the society.

Laughing Brook is open daily except Mondays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Live animal exhibits, 5 miles of woodland trails, a trail for the blind and

visually handicapped and a year-round program make this sanctuary a major attraction.

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Spotlight on Business

Sewing Machine Center



Jim Pelinsky

Jim Pelinsky, owner and operator of Sewing Machine Center, 313 Springfield St., Agawam, has been in business for many years. He specializes in the New Home sewing machine line, a firm that has been in business for 119 years and is the second largest manufacturer of sewing machines in the world.

The repairing of all makes and models has helped him to bring in business from out of state. These requests are a common occurrence because they are the largest dealer in a 10 state New England area. He also carries parts for sewing machines that are 75-100 years old. Jim's wife, Kay, now works in

the business with him helping to sell and demonstrate the large inventory of sewing machines at their store. Besides New Home, Jim carries Singer, Viking, White to name a few. They accepted all major credit cards and are open Monday-Saturday. Stop in and browse around.

Pioneer Valley Auto Parts



Left to right: Harry Moore, Bob Tynan, Linda Lepore, Pete Cockoros, and Clem Tynan

In 1968, brothers Clem and Bob Tynan started their auto parts business located at 1224 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills - called 'Feeding Hills Auto Parts'. Three years later, they opened their second store, located in Southwick. In August of 1977, they moved their Feeding Hills

operation to its present location at 1355 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills Center. Late in 1978, they also moved their Southwick operation to larger quarters. The Tynan's stress that they have quality products and work hard to insure that the customers are pleased with

their service. They have the ability to order any part from a national network - in bulk, or one at a time.

As Clem says, "we push personal contact where you can get one part at a time or order the "hard to find" part."

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Woodrow Roberts

Repairing all major brands of appliances is the service that Woodrow Roberts offers in his business. Woodrow Roberts Appliance Service, located at 1407 Main St., Agawam, he also has rebuilt appliances for

sale including: washers, dryers, dishwashers, electric and gas stoves and refrigerators to name a few. He has been in business for 30 years in Agawam and has been involved with rebuilding

appliances for the past 5 years. As well as doing work in his store on Main St., he makes service house call. His work is fully guaranteed and he is available from 9-5 Monday thru Saturday.

Cavey's



Teresa Cavaliero

Cavey's is a new coffee shop which has recently opened at 485 Springfield Street. It is owned and operated by Teresa Cavaliero, a native of New Haven, Conn., who started in the restaurant business working for her father.

Teresa and her husband Al manage the shop which features breakfast, lunch, and brunch. Many of the items on

the menu, including some delicious desserts are home made. There are daily luncheon specials, and hearty breakfast offerings.

In addition to managing the restaurant, Teresa is also a bilingual teacher in the Department of Urban Education at Westfield State College.

The restaurant, which was

renovated before Cavey's opened, is operated as a family affair, and offers a pleasant, cozy atmosphere for a breakfast, lunch, or cup of coffee. Paintings and handcrafted items done by local artists are on display at the restaurant, and any local craftspeople who wish to show their work are welcome to contact Teresa at the restaurant.

Cardaropoli Auto Sales



Cardaropoli Auto Sales, located at 1801 Main Street, Agawam, has been owned and managed by Vinnie Cardaropoli for about six years. Cardaropoli specializes in

the sale of used cars. According to Mr. Cardaropoli, all cars are repaired, reconditioned, and guaranteed before they leave the lot. Cardaropoli Auto Sales is

open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and welcomes all those in the market for a good used car to stop by and see what they have to offer.

Frankies Italian Specialities



Frankies Italian Specialities, located at 1379 Main St., Agawam, is open seven days a week. Owned by Frank Demassini, Frankies serves breakfast, a 89c special is

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Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



During this time of snow, ice and cold, we all need to be reminded of the warm spring to come...and it WILL come. We all know that. The trick is to get through these cold and dreary days of late winter.

Outside of drowning myself in seed and plant catalogs and dreaming up what I will do in the garden this year, I love to baby my house plants. This will work for anyone.

One houseplant that always gives me pleasure is the fern. Ferns can be a little tricky to grow if you're not aware of their special requirements. You can't change a fern's preference for high humidity - up to 70% - but I do feel they are worth a little extra effort.

Use a humidifier to provide the moisture that the fern and many other houseplants need. Your family will also benefit from this humidity. Adding humidity to dry houses will alleviate some of winter's stuffy noses, sore throats, and dry skin. It can also stop the drying out of wooden furniture, paintings, book-bindings and other porous items. And, of course, you'll find you can turn down your thermostat several degrees and still feel warm and comfortable.

Mist your ferns every time you pass. Keep other plants in pebble-filled trays of water to increase the humidity. Try keeping a fern in a steamy bathroom.

Ferns need reasonably good light, but no direct sun, so the bathroom might be just the spot for your fern. The kitchen is also a good place to consider keeping one. Steam from cooking will help provide the humidity needed for its survival.

Ferns can take cool temperatures, 65 to 70 during the day and down to about 60 degrees at night. They are heavy feeders, so fertilize them at least monthly for lush foliage. A rough porous soil with good drainage and frequent heavy watering will complete the picture of keeping a healthy fern in your home.

There are many types of fern that can be grown in the home. The following ones are more or less my favorites: the Boston fern, whose ancestors really did come from Boston and is easy to grow if its requirements are met; the Fluffy Ruffle fern, which has a lacier, more delicate frond than the Boston fern and is equally easy to please; the Birdnest fern, a rosette of single, lance-shaped leaves with graceful, arching fronds. On the Birdnest, the glossy, light green fronds have a leathery texture with a blackish central vein and wavy edges. It likes the light of a north window and will tolerate a little less of a humid atmosphere than most other ferns.

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This title stands for "Exit Drills In The Home," and the following simple guidelines are taken from their pamphlet for home instruction.

Heat rises quickly in a fire - 1,000 degree temperatures can travel far ahead of the actual flames. Your normal escape path can rapidly become a death trap filled with lung-scorching heat, poisonous fumes, and choking smoke.

YOU MUST PLAN TWO EXITS FROM EVERY BEDROOM!

Most home fires start between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. when you are asleep and least prepared. Where do most home fires

start? In this order, (a) living room-37%, (b) Kitchen-22%, (c) basement-14%, (d) bedrooms-13%, (e) all others-14%. They occur just where they are most likely to block your usual exit route.

Step one in fire escape planning is to make a basic floor layout. First make an outline of the entire floor area. Then add and label each bedroom. Then locate windows, doors, and stairways, including any rooftops that could be used as a fire escape from an upper floor.

Step two is to make a room inspection, selecting the best window for escape in each bedroom. Test that window to be sure it opens easily and is

large enough and low enough to use.

Step three is to complete the escape plan, use black arrows to show normal exit routes. Colored arrows should show emergency exits.

Be sure everyone has an emergency escape route. If necessary, consider installing an escape ladder, rearranging children to be in bedrooms nearest exits, cutting access doors between bedrooms, or installing a hall door.

Note: if a hall door can be closed, all bedrooms may be able to share the one best emergency exit.

These guidelines are being published to save your life and that of your children. Please join Operation Edith today.

7 Agawam Firms to Exhibit at Home Show

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